

WI-303

1908

John Wesley Methodist Church  
Capitola  
Public worship

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## MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: John Wesley Methodist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-303

## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):  
Architecture  
Religion
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Church

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley Methodist Church

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number North side of Capitola Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Tyaskin ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of John Wesley Methodist Church

street & number % Reverend Anna McIntosh telephone no.:

city, town Bivalve state and zip code MD 21814

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John Wesley United Methodist Church is located on the north side of Capitola Road west of Clara Road in the black community of Capitola, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story gable front frame church faces south with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dated to 1908, the single-story frame church is supported on a concrete pier foundation, and the exterior is clad in a layer of vinyl siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center double-door entrance and flanking four-over-four colored glass windows. The front doors have been replaced. The edge to the roof is slightly extended and the lower corners have a short return. Fixed in the southwest concrete pier is a marble datestone inscribed, "John Wesley Methodist Church, Built 1908, Replaced 1964." The 1964 date refers to the stone and not the church. A handicapped access ramp has been attached to the front of the building.

The east and west side elevations are three bays across, and each bay is defined by a single four-over-four sash window. The base of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice.

The back wall of the church is extended by a single-story, one-bay wide addition.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1908 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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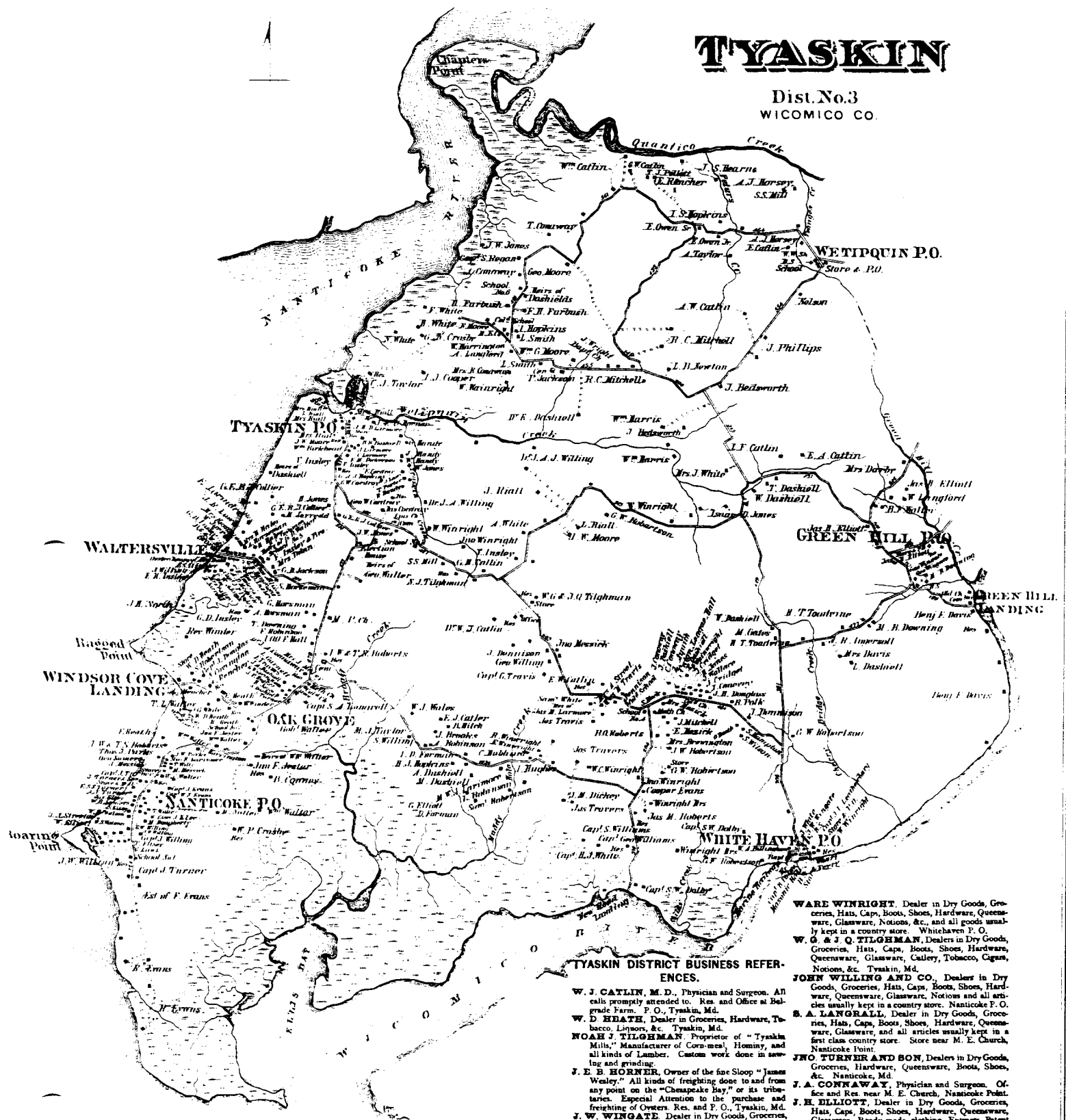
The church deserves listing in *Category B* for its architectural and historical merit.

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## PS-2746

# TYASKIN

Dist. No. 3  
WICOMICO CO.



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